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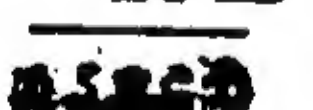
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HONGKONG, January 19th, 1891.

MARRIAGE.

At St. John's Cathedral, on the 19th August, by the Rev. Douglas Hamilton, ALFRED J. MAY, Acting Head Master, Victoria College, to MARY E. WARD (late Head Mistress of the Government Central School for Girls, Hongkong).

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1891.

TELEGRAMS.

(From the Straits Times.)

CHILI AND BOLIVIA.

LONDON, August 18th.
It is reported that Chili intends to declare war against Bolivia, in consequence of the latter having recognised the Chilean insurgents as belligerents.

MR. SPURGEON.

The condition of the Rev. Mr. Spurgeon is unchanged.

THE FRENCH EXPEDITION IN AFRICA.

August 16th.

The report in June last that the French expedition in Africa had been massacred is now confirmed.

[This expedition had started under the leadership of a traveller named Crampin to explore the regions around Lake Tchad recently brought within the sphere of French influence. The lake lies in the Central Sudan in about 13 deg. N. and 14 deg. E. The report now partly confirmed stated that he and his party had not only been killed, but had been devoured by cannibals.]

DISTRESS IN RUSSIA.

It is reported that a terrible famine is inevitable in Russia; at the present time peasants are eating boiled grass.

INFLUENZA AT MOSCOW.

Influenza is raging at Moscow, about five hundred fresh cases are reported daily.

COMPENSATION CLAIMED.

August 17th.
England and France are pressing China for indemnity to the sufferers through recent riots.

ADDITION TO THE AMERICAN SQUADRON.

The U.S. Man-of-war *Charleston* has left for China.

[The *Charleston* is one of the new vessels which have been supplied to the U.S. Navy, and is one of the most formidable warships in the world. The U.S. Government is building the new navy of which the *Charleston* is the finest type up to date resorted to a system that seemed revolutionary to the European cabinets. It sent proposals to the leading naval architects of its own country, Great Britain, France, and Germany ordering designs for men-of-war, which should unite high speed, great carrying power, unsinkability, impregnability at vital points, and internal comfort.

It paid the highest prices for every plan sent in and from the best plans made up the final design. The results have been startling. The *Charleston*, a torpedo-boat or despatch-boat, can run 30 miles an hour and is the swiftest craft afloat. The *Charleston*, a "dynamite" boat, throws a missile of that terrific explosive two miles and carries so much of it on board that it is struck by a hostile shell, it would destroy every ship and human being within the radius of a mile. The *Charleston*, a torpedo-boat, runs 30 miles an hour and has peculiar Ericsson cannons that shoot under water. The *Charleston* steams 30 miles an hour and carries enough coal to make a voyage around the globe. She is a handsome vessel made of the finest cast steel, painted snow-white and modelled after the lines of the handsomest steamers of the coast.

Several gamblers were up at the Police Court to-day and were dealt with according to their deserts.

Broke—What's better, old man, than a glass of this Clos Vougeot?

Soke—Why, two glasses, you blooming idiot!

Ho Far for keeping a Tse-fa lottery agency was sent out of harm's way for two months' solid, by the magistrate to-day.

Would-be French wit—What is drier than a dirty Englishman?

True Briton—A clean Frenchman!

H.M.S. *Tussock* was at last securely raised and towed by the *Pilot Fish* to the patent slip at Hangham Docks this morning.

Major Hogg—In refurnishing the Green Island battery, what shall we do with all the smooth bore.

Capt. Fogg—Why not fire them?

For the unlawful possession of a richha which he said was walking about looking for an owner Tang Po was sent up for one month. The real owner is still wanted.

Bank defaulter—I want to defy the detectives and travel in a way no one will suspect.

Lawyer—Very simple, my dear Sir; take the first Jardine steamer.

Mr. RICHARD B. MARTIN has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the British North Borneo Company in succession to Sir Rutherford Alcock K. C. B. resigned.

Mrs. Gossip—I hear Mr. Squeericks has a new coat of arms?

Mertens—Yes. I designed it myself.

Mrs. G.—What is it?

Mertens—Simply benedict. A hog rampant with a bar sinister and the motto, *Totum peritum, capto*.

The blooming idiot at this time proposes an after-dinner lancers and a waltz; The man of brains in easy-chair reposes Or spends the evening in a victor's vaults.

ANXIOUS Mamma—Little Dick is up stairs crying with the toothache. Practical Papa—Take him round to the dentist's. Haven't any money? "You won't need any money. The toothache will stop before you get there."

THE *Yow-on* steam launch, towing a cargo boat laden with Java sugar ran down a sampam alongside the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s wharf about 9.30 this morning. The sampam was crushed to pieces, but fortunately no lives were lost.

AT THE HONGKONG TRADING CO.

Miss Giffie—What is the price of those red silk stockings?
Clerk—Five dollars a pair.
Miss G.—Aren't they rather high? Clerk—Not on a tall lady like yourself.

A CROSS action has been commenced in the British Consular Court at Canton by the owners of the *Tai-on* against a Chinese gunboat in regard to the recent collision; the damages are laid at \$500. In the counter-suit the Chinese gunboat, damages to the extent of \$150 are claimed.

"I wish to ask the Court," said a facetious lawyer who had been called to the witness-box to testify as an expert, "If I am compelled to come into the case, in which I have no personal interest, and give a legal opinion for nothing?" "Yes, yes—certainly," replied the mild-tempered judge, "give it for what it is worth."

THE very latest version of the movies which actuated Cain when he killed the last lamented Abel. The younger of the two beings anxious to cross to China proper told Cain of his intention; who replied that the Chinese were able to do without him, but Cain said they could not, as bamboo was their main support. Whereupon Abel was promptly and properly clubbed.

THE 8 a.m. launch *Morning Star* (belonging to Mr. Donibjoe) from Pedder's Wharf broke down owing to machinery getting out of gear when about half way across to Kowloon this morning, and drifted to the eastward until rescued by a launch belonging to the Police Department, by which she was safely towed to the wharf at Kowloon.

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Barrack Square to-morrow, commencing at 7.30 p.m.:—

March: "Light Infantry" (Kral).
Lancers: "Pirates of Portenno" (D. Albert).
Waltz: "My Queen of Mevra" (M. M. M.).
Polka: "My Queen of Mevra" (M. M. M.).
Quadrille: "La Mascotte" (M. M. M.).
Gigue: "La Mascotte" (M. M. M.).

The Band will play in the Public Gardens on Saturday, August 22nd.

THE *Telegraph* is asked by R. S. J., whether there is such a word as "Incidentism," and if so what it means. It is a word that comes out of the political vocabulary of Italy. The Incidentists are those who insist that all the provinces in which Italians are found in large numbers shall be incorporated into the kingdom. The word is from Latin—*in* and *incidentis*—that is, "unredeemed," or not incorporated, into the kingdom of Italy.

HUT FARE, after a residence of six months at the Chinese expense, in her boarding house, top-side, left there on Saturday last. Going for a stroll along Queen's Road Central he was fascinated by a pair of earrings attached to the ears of a boatwoman. He snatched them, and of course paid his respects to Mr. Wise this morning. On being asked his age, he replied that he was 15. He retired from public for another period of six months; and to enjoy a couple of introductions to the wooden lady to receive 15 strokes at each reception; one on joining and the other on leaving the Hotel.

ONE or two instances of Chinese jumping overboard and saving life have occurred lately and deserve to be recognized as well as recorded. Not long since the steam launch *Prudence* crossing from Kowloon Pier to Pedder's Wharf, about mid-way burst her steam-gauge and passengers who thinking the boiler was exploding jumped overboard. The pilot of the steam launch *Evening Star* (the greyhound of the Hongkong launch squadron) crossing in an opposite direction observing the accident to his rival vessel, immediately altered his course and ranged alongside to his assistance; the second pilot also observing three of his countrymen in the water and in imminent danger, jumped overboard and succeeded in rescuing two from watery graves; the third having been hauled out of the water by the brave Highland arm of Captain Melnes who presiding the accident as he was boarding the French mail, promptly rendered assistance. Upon arrival at Kowloon, the two unfortunate Chinese rescued by the second pilot of the *Evening Star* were reported to the Kowloon Police and so the affair ended, with the exception that the proprietor of the vessel, with those benevolent instincts which have alike distinguished his gallant servant. A few days subsequently an accident occurred at Pedder's Wharf in which an old Chinese woman in endeavoring to step on board a sampam fell into the harbour and was being carried away by the tide when the same individual, a man of courage and humanity of this kind, so seldom seen practised by natives of this Empire, deserve the highest praise and recognition, that we now call the attention of the authorities interested to these acts. It seems the more incumbent on our neighbours in Macao are always on the alert to officially recognize gallant deeds. Another instance which has come to our knowledge, occurred in Macao a month or two ago when the steamship *Hewingsham* was on the point of leaving the wharf for Hongkong, a sampam came within the wash of her propellers and heeled over to such a degree that its occupants were thrown into the water. A Chinese watchman from the above-mentioned steamer seeing the accident immediately jumped overboard and saved a small child from sinking while in the act of bringing it to the wharf he let it go to afford momentary aid to an older boy who was also sinking, the first child sank but on Captain Clarke calling to the watchman to dive, he recovered the little boy and all were on an afflu being brought to the notice of Mr. Bellios he rewarded the man with a sum of \$25.00 which was officially presented to him on the Macao wharf a few days since by Mr. Pacheco. The Bellios' medal for saving life will also be presented to the Chinaman at Macao when it arrives from Europe. We note this with satisfaction for considering how superstitious the Chinese are in regard to rescuing those in danger of drowning the utmost publicity should be given to such humane acts both as an incentive and as an indication that such cruel prejudices are being overcome.

A GALLANT "mimber av the force" was fined \$5 to-day for having hercually defended the house of a young friend of his, against an onslaught of some Excise Officers who sought to search her premises for illicit opium.

"I HOPE, Jennie, that you have given the matter serious consideration," said a lady to a servant-girl who had "given notice" because she was to be married that "day two weeks." "Oh, I have, ma'am," was the earnest reply. "I've been to two fortune-tellers, and a clairvoyant, and looked in a sign-book, and dreamed on a lock of his hair, and been to one of these astrologers, and to a meejum, and they all say to go ahead, ma'am. I ain't one to marry reckless like, ma'am."

High Muck-a-Muck of the City Streets—What's new this morning orderly? Subaltern—Three men fell into Queen's Road excavation; two legs broken. Richshaw upset in the ditch on the Traya. Horse being fished out of sewer on Pedder's Road; one house undermined, and three walls toppled over; coolie killed.

High Muck-a-Muck—Is that all? Order six new excavations on the Queen's Road!

The gutters of Queen's Road were taxed to their utmost carrying capacity last evening and the gore that flowed still tinges the harbour. It seems that a disciple of the great J. L. Sullivan went strolling around looking for the biggest and bluest member that the police force could boast of (a Scotchman preferred). The bluestirry one, however, did not silently seek his quarry as the average hunter when on business bent, but blazed it abroad, until at last he stumbled over a man who hailing from the heath covered mountains of Scotland would do instead of the "Bobby." They adjourned to the vicinity of the Stag hotel and duly appointing seconds, bottle-holders etc. the fun began. Much to the disappointment of the onlookers it didn't last long though, for the little Scot walked around the fiery one as a cooper would a cask, and after sweeping the street with his antagonist went on his way as though nothing had happened.

THERE is nothing "sacred in the eyes of the estimation of the needy Celestial. The latest unpatented trick was tried on yesterday and although it was done in the name of "Joss," its fate was dismal failure. It seems that at the present time there is a house to house canvassing being carried on to raise funds for some "Joss" processions which are to eventuate in the course of this month. An enterprising individual who was down on his uppers recognising the value of the opportunity offered himself with the usual lamp (the badge of monastic office) and a petition, and meandered round on his own account. Heaven smiled on his energetic efforts for a time but yesterday he ran right into the arms of a genuine jester, who spying the fraud handed the accused over to the tender mercies of the Central authorities. He faced Mr. Wise this morning but the case was remanded until to-morrow.

THAT LETTER AGAIN.

A "missionary feller," "C.D." Thought the tone of the Press was too free. In making remarks: On the missionaries' "larks," When they go on a bit of a spree.

Some "mendacious miscreant," says he, "Asserts that we daily drink tea; And that like 'Truthful James' 'We play all sorts of games' 'He's a liar! 'We do,' says C.D."

"They say we are lazy," says he, "Well, work with us doesn't agree, 'Four hours a day, 'On mighty poor pay, 'Is more than enough,"—says C.D."

When we travel in China," says he, "In couples, a he and a she, 'It is frequently said, 'That we share the same bed 'Well, what if we do?' says C.D."

"In sleeping together," says he, "We are carrying out nature's decree 'Why, even the rabbits 'Have similar habits 'And nobody blames 'em,"—says he.

"To the pure, all is pure,"—says C.D. "To the evil, all evil, you see, 'And you colonists here, 'To my mind it is clear 'Are the Devil's own children,"—says he.

"You pay us no attention," says he, "You never invite us to tea, 'Our wives and our daughters 'You exclude from your quarters 'Which doesn't seem social, to me."

"You are nearly all drunkards," says he, "You are brutes in the highest degree, 'And you daily go swimming! 'With your moitable woman 'A proceeding repugnant to me."

"You are hypocrites too," says C.D. "For worst than all else," says C.D. "You actually sneer at us missionaries here, 'You know you do, d—n you," says he.

"There is one consolation," says he, "For the insults you put upon me, 'For I know very well, 'I'll be roasted in Hell, 'Which is real solid comfort to me."

"There, that is the style," says C.D. "I dispose of my critic," says he, "And you fellows would better, 'Not answer this letter, 'Or I'll send you another," says he.

AUNTY MISSIONARY.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Sir,—I am a British man-of-war's man and I want to thank some of our contributors for showing up these missionary frauds. They're the worst frauds in China. Some years ago when we was harboring in Amoy, we raised some thousand dollars to start a Seamen's Club. The money came from our pockets and our officers, from the merchants of the place and the British and American consuls, but not a farthing from the missionaries. We bought a house and furnished it comfortably and not knowing what sort of people they were, we put the title in the British and American newspapers. What do you think they did? After running it three years, they came to the conclusion that the Club wasn't doing the good work it was intended to do, and sold every stick and stone of it and pocketed the proceeds for the benefit of other charities. What do you call that? I call it highway robbery. When our consul Mr. Forest interfered they called him every hard name they could lay tongue to. He tried his best but we never got a cent back from the blackguards, who called it a sacred trust.

We have got another club there now, but it comes from the charity of a heathen named Mr. Shaw, who got it, a few years ago, for a smaller

believe rent of a few dollars a year. Oh yes, to show you what kind of creatures they are, these missionaries when they sold out our club sold the bibles and hymn-books along with the rest of our books and papers and they were bought up by a Chinese second-hand man who has some of them even now. I've heard a great many stories of these fellows but it isn't right to tell things unless you know they are true and that is why I only tell about our club, which is known to be a true and a hundred more and which can be corroborated by Mr. Forest or any merchant in Amoy.

A MAN OF WAR'S MAN.
P.S.—I think a Heathen Chinese is squarer and more decent than a missionary.
Hongkong, August 18th, 1891.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Sir,—It strikes me that the best thing for the missionaries to do is to be a little more truthful. When they are home, they deliver long addresses in which they picture their privations here, when everybody knows they live the easiest lives of any class in the East. At Swatow they own the most valuable real estate on which they have erected handsome buildings. In addition to these they have summer houses at Double Island. At Amoy they do more hard work than at Swatow, but here also they are the owners of a dozen large and handsome buildings on Kalangau. At Tamsui and Tainanfoo they own quite valuable establishments. At Foochow they own some thirty first-class buildings in the city and nearly all the best sites on Sharp's Peak. The summer-resort of the place, where they spend the hot season. No one objects to their worldly prosperity, to many of them becoming very rich men or to their keeping large establishments in first-class style. But it seems a fraud on top of this to pretend that they are destitute and suffering in China and to blow about how much they have sacrificed for God. At the five cities named, as well as in Hongkong and Canton, the average missionary lives better and more luxuriously than the average European and three times better than the average clergyman home in England.

As to their success in converting, it is very small. Ten thousand Chinese are regularly employed in and about the coast steamers, but I don't know of one who is a Christian. At Foochow, which is the pet illustration of the preachers, there is a Christian colony of thirty Protestant and fifty Catholic Chinese. They enjoy the distinction of being the worst thieves and cut-throats in that district. On the walls of their two chapels is a proclamation signed by the French and American consuls, threatening the loss of consular protection in case of their committing murder, arson, theft or mayhem, which strikes me as being a very funny document for the interior of a church.

A DOUGLAS S.S. CAPTAIN.
Hongkong, August 18th, 1891.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Sir,—The Managing Committee of the Medical Missionary Society, on behalf of the physicians and surgeons in charge of the Hospital in Canton and the Associated Dispensaries desire to express their sincere thanks to those, both Europeans and Chinese who have responded so liberally to the call for aid in the emergency which has come upon the Society in the loss of its funds.

We wish also to acknowledge our obligations to the Editors of the newspapers, both English and Chinese, who have directed the attention of the public to the urgent needs of the Society, and have thus contributed to the generous response to our call.

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R. H. GRAVES,
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Hongkong, 19th August, 1891.

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"The Law of the Press" by Joseph R. Fisher, B.A. and James A. Strahan, LL.B. (London—Wm. Clowes and Sons, Limited) is a capital handbook of legal information for editors, publishers and solicitors. It contains a careful digest of the British law respecting newspapers up to date and is outspoken in its contempt of the medieval ideas in our statutes which are used to hamper the liberty of the press. What will be of interest to students is a carefully written chapter on the Foreign Press Codes, which, be it said to our sorrow, are in the main much more liberal and progressive than our own. For a legal work the style is remarkably terse and lucid. The margination is neat and helpful and the indexing, the most important feature in such books, admirable. It is to be regretted that the able authors did not extend the scope of the volume to include the law of the United States, Canada and Australia, which is far in advance of that of the Old World. The publishers deserve praise for the excellent typography and make-up of "The Law of the Press

ST. PETERSBURG, July 30th.

The officers of the French Squadron were yesterday entertained with great splendour by the Mayor of St. Petersburg. To each vessel of the fleet now at Constantinople the Mayor presented a silver loving cup, and each officer was also made the recipient of a smaller cup. In making the presentation the Mayor dealt with firmness upon the importance of the Franco-Russian friendship.

LONDON, July 31st.

Russian Pasha, Turkish Ambassador to England, has been recalled from leave, and has returned to London to conduct the negotiations on behalf of the Porte for the British evacuation of Egypt.

RAUB.

MINING MANAGER'S REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING 26TH JULY, 1891.

I have the honor to herewith forward you my report of the progress made with the work of developing the Raub mines for the half year ending the above date.

Raub Hole.—The geological formation of the Raub Hole is a black slate, intersected where hardest by numerous small veins of limestone.

The gold bearing zone lies between two hard bars of slate beyond which in no case has gold been found. The ground lying between these two hard bars is a soft black mud slate, standing almost vertical. The small gold bearing veins of quartz cut through this strata at almost a right angle, and vary in thickness from the thickness of a knife blade to about three inches, occasionally making small bunches up to a foot in thickness.

Some of the leaders are extremely rich, but a large quantity of the adjoining country rock in which there is no gold, has to be taken, to save the whole of the gold bearing stuff.

In the end north of the engine shaft, the main level has been driven 370 feet, making the total distance from shaft to face of drive 445 feet. A large amount of stopping and driving has been done in this part of the mine, all the good leaders near the shaft have been worked out to this level. There is still a good number yet to be worked (as we go north) and, as we continue to drive north, we are still cutting fresh gold bearing ones. Four air shafts have been sunk from 42 to 79 feet deep, making the total amount of sinking 223 feet.

South End from Engine Shaft.—The main level has been extended 403 feet making the total distance of 848 feet. The object of driving this level was to connect with No. 1 shaft, in the vicinity of which extensive old Malay workings exist, said to be rich. At 10 feet from No. 1 shaft, a small but very rich leader was got in cutting the plat. This is important as it is the only gold bearing leader cut in over 400 feet of driving in this level.

Within 100 feet of the engine shaft a considerable amount of stopping and driving has been done, some very rich stone was got in this part of the mine. In every case where the leaders were rich the Malays had worked them to a depth of about 40 feet below the surface. Their mode of doing so is to fix a kind of large socket chisel on the end of a long pole (called by the natives "a pengalah") standing on a stage above the water level. Several men work this end of the pole, and by pulling they then drive down and bring up the stuff (go broken) in a coconut shell and the gold bearing portions are picked out. It is surprising the large extent of ground worked by these means; where the veins are very rich they have worked to a depth of 25 to 30 feet below water level.

No. 1 Shaft.—The No. 1 shaft has been sunk to connect with Main Drive a depth of 92 feet; this shaft has been timbered and centred with 3 min. sawn hardwood timber. Opening sets have been fixed and plat cut. Two crosscuts have been started; one to the west to cut the Western Lode, this is now in 52 feet from plat. I expect to cut the lode in about 150 feet.

The crosscut to the east is to prospect the gold bearing formation which has been worked by Malays nearer the surface and is said to be very rich. I expect to cut this in a hundred feet. Should these crosscuts prove successful in finding payable ore, we shall have quite a large area of ground to work. The crosscut to the western lode will cut it about 700 feet North of the engine shaft, and about 80 feet below them. I also expect it to unwater the whole lode to that depth. Should this work prove successful it is my intention to erect one of the two winding plants now on their way here on No. 1 shaft.

Three Air Shafts have been sunk in this end, the total depth of which is 186 feet. During the half year there have been sent to Battery 350 tons of crushing stuff from the Raub Hole. The total number of feet driven in the main level is 773 feet, besides about 533 feet of prospecting drives. A large amount of stopping had to be done for the quantity of crushing stuff raised, owing to the small size of the leaders worked. I do not think these leaders will ever make into a permanent lode, but they may go down to a considerable depth, so long as there is no change in the present formation. Great difficulty has been experienced in working many different leaders, owing to the presence of foul air, and the great heat generated by the decomposition of the large amount of sulphur contained in the country rock. The water has been easily kept out of the mine owing to the long period of dry weather we have been favoured with.

Western Lode.—The following development work has been done on this line of lode at Raub. A shaft 6' by 3' has been sunk to a depth of 92 feet, at a point 150 feet South West of our old workings at water race. A drive was put in east from the bottom of the shaft 43 feet. The whole distance was through black slate and quartz leaders, when the work was stopped owing to the heavy inflow of water becoming too great for hand labour. No gold was got in this shaft or drive.

The tunnel to western lode from Battery was started on 2nd January and completed by the 2nd March. The length of this Tunnel is 365 feet and of approaches 125 feet, the whole of the Tunnel had to be close timbered. It has an incline from the surface to the lode of 1 in 26. Laying the rails for truck road was completed, and driving was started on the Lode on the 3rd March. The main drive has been extended 193 feet north and 88 feet south in the south end the lode cuts out at 30 feet from Tunnel, and in the north end, the lode is very much broken and shows about which makes it very difficult to follow the gold bearing part. In the bottom of south drive a wire had been sunk 47 feet, at this depth water had to be stopped owing to the very heavy inflow of water. At a depth of 30 feet some very rich gold bearing stone was got, which has underlain out of mine to the east. Should the cross-cut now going in from the Raub Hole (No. 1 shaft) drain this line, as I expect it will, sinking will be resumed in this drive. I have a strong hope of the wire turning out something good, but the lode appears to be of such a patchy and irregular nature that it is difficult to form an opinion about it. I have no doubt when it goes into more settled country it will become a steady and regular. At present the lode forms

tion is fully 40 feet wide. Since commencing to open out in March, 1,200 tons of crushing stuff have been stowed from over the back of the main level. 1,000 tons of which were included in the last crushing. It is my intention to at once start to sink a main engine shaft to test this lode to, say, a depth of 500 feet. Most of the sawn timber for this work is now stacked at the mine.

Prospecting.—Two Europeans for three months and one during the whole time, also two or three parties of coolies, have been kept constantly employed at this work. The following is the prospecting work done:—

Sungai Arang.—about 3½ miles north of Raub. This is one of the places specially referred to in Mr. Robert Selton's original report as being very rich. (This report could only have been made on the statements of natives as the place bore no trace of having been worked for years.) Taking advantage of the longer period of wet weather, we have been favoured with, and by working night and day with a strong force of coolies I got to bottom of old workings 22 feet. The lode was exposed in one end of our shaft for a width of 7 feet; how much wider it is I cannot say as it went out of the shaft on the east side; from appearances I should say it is of considerable width. I sank down 4 feet on the lode and raised about 5 tons of quartz in which gold can be freely seen. I estimate the ore to be worth from 1 to 2 ounces per ton taking the whole of it. The lode and country rock are soft and easily worked. I consider this as far I can see one of the best prospects on the concession. The work had to be stopped owing to the heavy inflow of water, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that we managed to get down to the lode. So soon as the cat road now being made reaches this place it is my intention to test it further with the aid of steam pumps.

(To be continued).

PETER WONG'S REVENGE.

BY LEE BOHNN.

CHAPTER V.

He and his shadow make a pair. . . .

Gregory King was thoroughly out of temper that evening. First grief; he had broken a tooth over an iron shot in his phreatic. Broken an excellent tooth, which showed a good deal when he smiled the smile that was so becoming to him. Of course it was a boy's fault, for having bought a phreatic killed with iron shot. But where was the satisfaction in swearing at him? The fellow understood no expression that did not begin and end with a D. He actually thought his master called for more potatoes, or, grim irony, a toothpick. A broken tooth was grief enough to last, an ordinary mortal a long time.

But misfortunes never come alone. Here he was, sneezing every other minute, in a draughty room, with a chimney that smoked, the atmosphere outside growing perceptibly colder every second. His head felt like a brick his shoulders ached, and his eyes were streaming. He was in for a severe attack of influenza, and his after-noon examination of the mine had been, so to speak, the last nail in the coffin of his health. And, third grief, what had that same expedition brought him in the way of unpleasantness?

That scene at the Browns was a disagreeable one to recall. For the moment, may be, he had saved himself, and let it be imagined that it was Maggie who was courting him, not he who had made the first advances to her. But Gregory's experience of the world had taught him this misunderstanding could not long continue. What would Mrs. Brown have already done? Questioned Maggie, and found out the truth, which would be no motive to conceal. And then how would he, Gregory King, stand in the eyes of Mrs. Brown, of Dr. Mackenzie, even of that Peter Wong, with his fat face and coarse black hair?

The thought of Peter Wong condemning him was the most stinging part of this grief. But even now Gregory's cup was not full.

Looking back on it in solitude, between his fits of sneezing, Gregory King had admitted that his trip to Shanghai had been a failure. Of course he had told himself, before starting, that he did not expect anything to come out of it. And yet he had expected—what? No less than his recall to that earthly Paradise from this deadly Chingcha.

He had gone, and seen, but not conquered. His juniors, who had formerly looked up to, and copied, and fawned on him, were all busy doing just the same to the man who had stepped into his place. "Oh, is that you, King? How do you like Chingcha? Pretty dull, isn't it?"—that was all the welcome he had got from his own firm.

Outside the long, among his own particular set, it was worse still. They had filled up his place, and the new friend was a more popular, a more brilliant man, than Gregory. They did not know what to do with him now, and they took no pains to conceal their ignorance. He had gone, and seen, but not conquered. His juniors, who had formerly looked up to, and copied, and fawned on him, were all busy doing just the same to the man who had stepped into his place. "Oh, is that you, King? How do you like Chingcha? Pretty dull, isn't it?"—that was all the welcome he had got from his own firm.

Chingcha was a dreary place, notwithstanding. It rained twice as much there as in Shanghai. And it was fine, there was nothing to do, no one to see. Only these missionaries with their petty differences, their narrow views of society, their badly-dressed women, and their pushing familiar converts. Here Gregory was, back again at Grief No. 3. A grief, however, evidently not altogether unshared with satisfaction. For, regardless of warning-calls from his arms, Gregory leaned back in his chair, smoothed his moustache, and smiled. The ladies, he missed, were clean gone on him. Take Mrs. Brown, for example. She had always liked him from the first. And, ladies' maxims he prided himself on being, he had known how to keep her goodwill. To begin with, he had submitted to her sympathy, in strict confidence, a few commonplace, society doubts on the verbal inspiration of the Bible, the God of the Pentateuch, freewill and predestination, and so on. And when she had, to the best of her husband's meagre library, satisfied these doubts, he had made her swear with him to the giddy heights of the Essay on Liberty. Beyond this Gregory King could scarcely go, and this was already too high for Mrs. Brown. She was in fact, he told himself, in great danger

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of losing her heart to him. Mr. King's past experience had taught him to be on his guard, and guidance, especially on subjects of which she is totally ignorant, to a woman, is often an excellent way of making her a firm friend for life.

But at this point in his cogitations Gregory King sneezed at least ten times running. This so entirely broke the thread of his thoughts that he judged it wisest to go to bed.

To sleep? Dear me, that was not to be dreamed of. The influenza-friend had got well hold of him, and only let him drop into a restless daze to arouse him quickly with a horrible nightmare. The lamp, which he always kept alight, though carefully turned down, spluttered, flared, and finally blew out in a gust of wind that burst open the crazy door. The boy was, of course, sleeping in some inaccessible room in an outer yard. The draught was insupportable, but Gregory feared to get up, for shivering as he was under the bedclothes, the cold must be ten times more intense away from them.

Crack, still! What was that? His toe had caught in a hole in the sheet, and was tearing it wide open. How prickly the blanket was! No, that wasn't blanket, only mattress below him. The lady brute of a Chinaman had forgotten to put a blanket below the sheet. Now, the door was banging. He must get up and shut it. Where were the matches? Here was the box, put by his orders always within reach. By Jove, not a single match in it!

Gregory never forgot, in after life, the horror of that night. He had finally just dropped asleep, towards early morning, when the whistle of his, or rather his firm's, steamer aroused him to his day's work. It was a playful habit the Chingcha steamers possessed, to come into port before daylight, and, waken every one by their cheerful whistling. The Commissioner and the Consul could mutter something strong under their breaths, turn round, and go to sleep again. But the unfortunate agent, sleepless night or not, had to get up, increase his influenza, lay down seeds of all other deadly diseases, and smile still. "Only married men should be sent to outposts," Gregory King had long been debating this in his mind. And a damp shirt, cold coffee, and the torn sheet settled it. If a house is uncomfortable, it is of no use to bully your Chinese servants. The only way to make life endurable in Chingcha was to have a wife to—no, bully, but keep house for one.

By the afternoon, when the steamer had gone, Gregory King fancied himself so seriously ill that he thought it best to send for Dr. Mackenzie.

(To be continued.)

FOOCHOW.

August 15th.

The annual function at the Canton Joss house commences to-morrow and will last for five days. It is partly religious and partly social. There is the praying for the repose of the souls of those who have died and been buried here, away from their homes; and there is meeting of all the Cantonese who survive, to chin-chin one another and pass a few days in merriment and good fellowship. By the way, the Owl's fête is supposed by the natives to have been instituted for the same good purpose.

A fire broke out at 3 a.m., on Wednesday, on the bank of the river nearly opposite Sun Hing Jetty and lasted for three hours. The houses in that locality are all inhabited by boat people, mostly those working the pole trade as guards and raft drivers. Some two hundred houses, and poles in considerable quantity were destroyed; but we were given to understand that the poles stolen were far in excess of those burnt in the fire. Prompt assistance was rendered by the authorities or the loss of property would have been far greater.

As soon as the late fear of trouble passed away the authorities set to work to try to find and arrest those who were in any way connected with the plotting of the inflammable placards posted about the city. Numerous secret Yamen runners have been engaged in watching the frequenters of tea houses and opium dens where these placards had been seen; but so far, we understand, no arrests have been made. A well known headman, the special object of their search, is supposed to have escaped to Chien Chien town between this place and Amoy.

Native trade is said to be in quite a stagnant state through the stoppage of credit usually granted by the Native banks, but we think it quite as likely that the reverse is the case, namely that credit has been restricted on account of the unprofitableness of the trade. This it must be hoped is only temporary, the result no doubt of over much competition. The Native banks are too glad to make the fullest use of the funds at their disposal where the risk of loss is not too great. The profits of these banks have been seriously curbed by the official stop put upon the issue of small notes, a step taken by the

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